

Remarks

This response is filed in response to the Notice of Noncompliant Amendment, mailed on April 15, 2008. This amendment replaces the amendment filed on April 3, 2008. This amendment is identical to the April 3 amendment, except that claims 8–10 are amended to correct a claim dependency.

Claims 1 and 6 have been amended. Claims 7, 35, 36 and 37 have been canceled without prejudice. No new matter has been added by way of these amendments.

Rejections under 35 USC 112

Claims 36 and 37 have been canceled without prejudice, thereby overcoming the examiner's objections under this section.

Rejections under 35 USC 102

Applicant has amended claim 1 by introducing the features of claim 7 as previously presented along with the necessary supporting features of previously presented claim 6. Examiner considers such subject matter to be allowable (see remarks with regards to previously presented claim 35 which claimed the same subject matter as currently amended claim 1) and are patentable over Garrett (US 3,754,609).

Applicant submits that amendments overcome the examiners objections and that the present application is now in condition for allowance.

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Amendment

This paper is submitted in response to the Notice of Noncompliant Amendment, and it also addresses the rejections raised in the Office Action mailed December 5 , 2007 for which the three-month date for response was March 5, 2008. Applicant had previously requested a one-month extension of time. Because the noncompliant amendment was submitted after a final rejection, there is no new time period for a reply. Thus, because the four-month date, April 5, 2008, has passed, please treat this paper as a petition for a two-month extension of time. The fee for a two-month extension of time has been paid with the submission of this paper.

Please apply any charges not covered, or any credits, to Deposit Account 50-2183 (Reference Number 21.1073).

Respectfully submitted,

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